

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The following listing, if entered, replaces all prior versions of the claims in the present application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method in a computing system comprising:
receiving, by a processor, a selection of an activity item, wherein
the activity item is one of a plurality of activity items, and
each one of the plurality of activity items represents a-type one of a plurality of
business related activity activities, and
the plurality of business related activities comprise at least a meeting, a
demonstration, a presentation, and correspondence;
associating, by the processor, the activity item with a user by adding the activity
item to a list of activity items of the user, in response to the receiving the
selection;
receiving, by the processor, an identification of the activity item being expensable;
in response to the selection identification, automatically associating [|an|], by the
processor, at least one expense item with the activity item, wherein
there are one or more expense items that are expensable for each activity
item of the plurality of activity items,
at least one expense item of the one or more expense items cannot be
associated with one or more of the plurality of activity items, and
each activity item of the plurality of activity items is associated with one of
a plurality of expense items comprises the at least one expense item, and
each of the plurality of expense items comprise a cost of the one business
related activity represented by the activity item;
receiving, by the processor, an activation signal for generating an expense report for the
user; and
in response to the activation signal:
collecting, by the processor, two or more activity items from the list of
activity items of the user,

collecting, by the processor, associated expense items associated with the two or more activity items,

creating, using a computer by the processor, the expense report, wherein

adding the expense report comprises the associated expense items

associated with the activity item to the expense report, and

submitting, by the processor, the expense report to the user.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising prior to receiving the selection of [[an]] the activity item.

establishing activity types for each of the plurality of business related activities, expense types for costs associated with each of the plurality of business related activities, and associations between the activity types and expense types, wherein the establishing comprises

associating one or more expense types of the expense types with an activity type, and

the associating is based on receiving a selection indicating an expense type is associated with an activity type,

instantiating an activity type of the activity types causes the creation of an activity item, and

instantiating an expense type of the expense types causes the creation of an expense item.

3. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium whose contents storing instructions that, when executed, cause a computing system to perform a process comprising:

receiving a selection of an activity item, wherein

the activity item is one of a plurality of activity items, and

each one of the plurality of activity items represents a type one of a plurality of business related activity activities, and

the plurality of business related activities comprise at least a meeting, a demonstration, a presentation, and correspondence;
associating the activity item with a user by adding the activity item to a list of activity items of the user, in response to the receiving the selection;
receiving an identification of the activity item being expensable;
in response to the selection identification, automatically associating [[an]] at least one expense item with the activity item, wherein
there are one or more expense items that are expensable for each activity item of the plurality of activity items,
at least one expense item of the one or more expense items cannot be associated with one or more of the plurality of activity items, and
each activity item of the plurality of activity items is associated with one of a plurality of expense items comprises the at least one expense item, and
each of the plurality of expense items comprise a cost of the one business related activity represented by the activity item; and
in response to receiving an activation signal for generating an expense report for the user:
collecting two or more activity items from the list of activity items of the user,
collecting associated expense items associated with the two or more activity items,
creating the expense report, wherein
adding the expense report comprises the associated expense items associated with the activity item to the expense report, and
submitting the expense report to the user.

4. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 3 wherein the process further comprises:
establishing for the activity item a date designated for the activity item; and
establishing for the one or more expense items the same date designated for the activity item.

5. (Currently Amended) A computing system comprising:
a database;
a client; and
a first subsystem server coupled to the database and communicatively coupled to the client, wherein the server is configured to;
receive a selection of an activity item, wherein
the activity item is one of a plurality of activity items, and
each one of the plurality of activity items represents a type one of business
related activity activities stored in the database, and
the business related activities comprise at least a meeting, a
demonstration, a presentation, and correspondence;
associate the activity item with a user by adding the activity item to a list of
activity items of the user, in response to the receipt of the selection,
wherein the list of activity items is stored in the database;
receive an identification of the activity item being expensable;
a second subsystem configured to automatically associate [[an]] at least one
expense item with the activity item, in response to the identification,
wherein
there are one or more expense items that are expensable for each
activity item of the plurality of activity items,
at least one expense item of the one or more expense items cannot be
associated with one or more of the plurality of activity items,
and
each activity item of the plurality of activity items is associated with
one of
a plurality of expense items comprises the at least one expense item,
and
each of the plurality of expense items comprise a cost of the one
business related activity represented by the activity item;

a third subsystem configured to receive an activation signal for generating an expense report for the user, wherein the activation signal is received from the client; and

a fourth subsystem configured to creating in response to receipt of the activation signal:

collect two or more activity items from the list of activity items in the database,

collect associated expense items associated with the two or more activity items,

create the expense report, in response to receiving the activation signal; wherein

the creating the expense report comprises adding the associated expense items, associated with the activity item to the expense report; and

a fifth subsystem configured to submit the expense report to the client.

6. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, further comprising a date designation system that, wherein the server is further configured to:

establishes establish for the activity item a date designated for the activity item; and

establishes establish for the one or more expense items the same date for the activity item.

7. – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the establishing the activity type further comprises:

providing a user with a list of the plurality of activity types.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the list of the plurality of activity types is maintained by the user and contains activity types predefined by an application administrator.
15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein associations between each of the one or more expense items and the plurality of activity items are based on a pre-determined mapping.
16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of activity items corresponds to a category of expenses, wherein the category is one of the following categories:
 - appointments,
 - meetings,
 - presentations,
 - travel,
 - demonstrations, and
 - drafting correspondence.
17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of activity items are based on information corresponding to at least one of a description of an activity, itemized tasks associated with the plurality of activity items, whether the plurality of activity items are associated with a client, and whether the plurality of activity items are expensable.
18. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the selection of the activity item comprises:
 - providing a user with a list of the plurality of activity items.

19. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 18, wherein

the list of the plurality of activity items is predefined by an application administrator.

20. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the pre-determined mapping is [[is]] based on expenses appropriate for to the expense item.

21. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein

each of the plurality of activity items corresponds to a category of expenses, wherein

the category is one of the following categories:

- appointments,
- meetings,
- presentations,
- travel,
- demonstrations, and
- drafting correspondence.

22. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein

the plurality of activity items are based on information corresponding to at least one of a description of an activity, itemized tasks associated with the plurality of activity items, whether the plurality of activity items are associated with a client, and whether the plurality of activity items are expensable.

23. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the selection of the activity item comprises:

providing a user with a list of the at least two activity items.

24. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 23, wherein the list of activity items is predefined by an application administrator.

25. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, wherein each of the at least two activity items corresponds to a category of expenses, wherein the category is one of the following categories:
appointments,
meetings,
presentations,
travel,
demonstrations, and
drafting correspondence.

26. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the plurality of activity items are based on information corresponding to at least one of a description of an activity,
itemized tasks associated with the plurality of activity items,
whether the plurality of activity items are associated with a client, and
whether the plurality of activity items are expensable.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving information from a user;
in response to the receiving the information,
creating each of the plurality of activity types, wherein
the creating of the plurality of activity types is based on the information.
creating each of the plurality of expense types, wherein
the creating of each of the plurality of expense types is based on the information, and
determining the pre-determined mapping, wherein
the determining is based on the information, and
the pre-determined mapping associates each of the plurality of expense types with at least one of the plurality of activity types; and

in response to the receiving, storing the information, wherein
the storing is performed before the displaying,
the information indicates whether one of the plurality of activity types is
expensable,
the information comprises a plurality of keys,
each of the plurality of keys is assigned to
one of the plurality of expense types, and
at least one of the plurality of activity types,
a one of the plurality of activity types represents a type of meeting,
the first one of the plurality of activity types is associated with an instance of the
first one of the plurality of activity types, and
the instance is a specific meeting.